

TAFCO

3285. SHRI PRADIP BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the present condition and number of workers accommodation available at the Allenganj Settlement of the Tannery and Footwear Corporation of India Limited;
- (b) whether some accommodation had collapsed due to non-maintenance;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith number of persons injured therefrom;
- (d) whether any alternative arrangements have been made to accommodate them;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether the Government propose to take initiative to rescue the workers most of whom belong to SC/ST and minority communities; and
- (g) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) There are 585 quarters for workers in the Allenganj Settlement of TAFCO. These are more than 70 years and are not in good condition.

(b) and (c) The inner layers of ceiling of two houses had partially collapsed during the last monsoon and one family member of an employee had sustained miner injuries.

(d) and (e) The occupants of these two houses were given alternate accommodation in the colony.

(f) and (g) Company has been advised to take remedial steps. TAFCO has carried out miner repairs of roofs of a large number of quarters, to the extent possible, within the limited internal resources.

Foreign Investment Proposals

3286. SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of foreign investment proposals that have been cleared with the stipulated to set up 100 per cent export oriented units in the country during the last one year; and
- (b) the details of such investors, the field of investment and the location of the proposed units?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) 162 proposals, involving foreign/NRI investment have been approved to set up 100 per cent Export-Oriented Units in the country during the year 1996.

- (b) The foreign investments are from different

countries including Holland, UK, Mauritius, USA, Israel, Italy,, Singapore, Germany, etc. The Export-Oriented Units (EOUs) are proposed to be set up in various sectors namely floriculture, textiles, computer software, food processing, etc. These units are proposed to be located in various parts of the country.

[Translation]

Textile Mills in MP

3287. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of the textile mills in Madhya Pradesh lying closed and the time by which they are lying closed;
- (b) the reasons for their closure and whether there is any possibility of their reopening in future;
- (c) the action taken by the Government in regard to the suggestions given by textile mills owners regarding sale of their land; and
- (d) the amount of salaries of workers outstanding towards each of the closed mills in Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) There are nine Cotton/Manmade Fibre Textile Mills lying closed in the State of Madhya Pradesh, as on 31.12.96.

Two of these nine mills have been lying closed since 1986, 4 since 1991 and one each since 1992, 1994 and 1995.

(b) The major reasons for closure of these textile mills are financial crisis/difficulties. Out of the 9 closed Cotton/Manmade Fibre Textile Mills, in the State of M.P., 4 Mills were registered with Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) as on 31.1.1997. Out of these 4 Mills, the BIFR has recommended winding up under Section 20(1) of the SICA, 1985 in respect of 3 Mills. The draft rehabilitation package has, however, been sanctioned by the BIFR only in respect of one Mill. The other 5 mills do not fall within the purview of BIFR.

(c) As per available information, the Government is not aware of any suggestion given by textile will owners ragarding sale of their land.

(d) Information on the dues of the workers of the closed textile mills (including the outstanding salaries of their workers) is not maintained.

[English]

Handloom Cooperative Societies

3288. SHRI KESHAB MAHANTA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:-

- (a) the number of Handloom Cooperative Societies functioning at present in Assam;